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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INFO : TOKYO

FROM : 1 Ambassador MOSCOW

DATE: November 2, 1962

SUBJECT: Colonel Miyoshi's Toast

REF :

At the Japanese National Self-Defense Forces reception on November 1, Self-Defense Attaché Colonel Hideo MIYOSHI approached an Embassy officer, raised his glass of sake, and said: "I want to congratulate the American people for their peace-loving initiative on the Cuban question. Let me say, as a representative of the Japanese National Self-Defense Forces, which the Soviet Government has in the past often called 'aggressive, imperialist forces', that I particularly appreciate, too, Mr. KHRUSHCHEV's statement about how the same weapon can be either 'defensive' or 'offensive', according to one's definition. I am glad to see he now agrees with the Japanese Self-Defense Forces' definition. So I want to drink with you, and I propose a toast: to good definitions!"

COMMENT: Colonel Miyoshi was only half joking.

For the Ambassador:

R. T. Davies  
Counselor for Political Affairs

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